

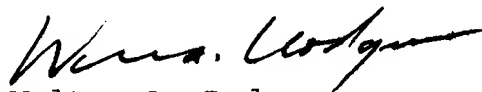
vertical directions so as to allow for precise alignment no matter the orientation of a user's eyes. This feature is defined in amended claim 13.

The examiner rejected independent claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tenna in view of Warncke. By applicants' invention, it is possible to manufacture only one size nose cup 14 and, with minor modifications, adapting it to fit different size adult faces. This is possible by providing a cutaway portion with detachably joined edges, as defined in amended claim 20. The cutaway portion is joined together, as shown in FIG. 3, for a small nose cup or opened up to provide a larger nose cup, as shown in FIG. 4.

For the above reasons, it is believed that independent claims 1, 13 and 20 are allowable. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5-9, 16-19 and 21 are believed allowable because they define further specific features of applicants' invention.

From the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, 13 and 16-21 are requested.

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